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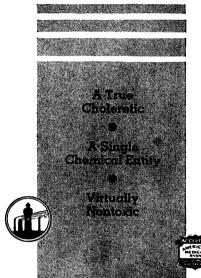
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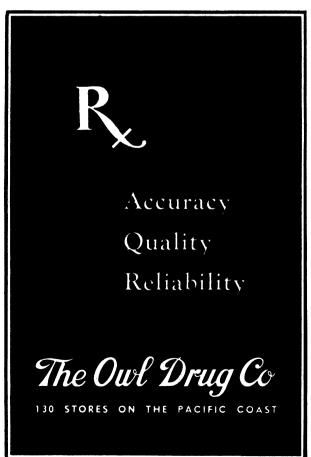
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Cauterization of Wounds from Dog Bites Is Necessary.*—The effectiveness of cauterization of wounds from bites of rabid dogs has been questioned recently, although this is a certain, well-founded and time-tried method of preventing rabies. The procedure was established even before the days of Pasteur, and has been confirmed scientifically since that time. It is essential, therefore, that the subject be reviewed at the present time in order that health officers and public health workers in general may be assured of the value that lies in the immediate cauterization of such wounds.

It is recognized that the Pasteur treatment is not 100 per cent effective, because it is unable to protect against more than two or three minimal infective doses or to develop the requisite degree of immunity in cases where the incubation period is short. Therefore, any other form of treatment in which there is any hope whatsoever of exerting a preventive influence must be applied. The only other treatment now available is cautery, either actual, as in the days of Pasteur, or by nitric acid, which is used commonly at the present time.

The rationality of this procedure can be appreciated readily by a consideration of certain factors that concern virus invasions, particularly the virus of rabies. Anyone who has ever tried to stop a smallpox vaccination "take" by scrubbing with soap and water or even by the application of iodine will appreciate the need of a destructive agent—one that is destructive alike to the tissues and to the virus that is still superficial. That the virus of rabies can be present in the wound for a considerable time and not carried away rapidly by the lymphatics is an indis
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putable fact. For that reason, any rabies virus that may be taken up by the lymphatics is rendered hors de combat.

Rabies cannot be produced experimentally by introducing large quantities of the virus into milk that may be fed to susceptible animals. The disease is never produced through the consumption of milk from rabid animals, although the virus, it is reported, has been demonstrated in milk. The writer of this article has inoculated subcutaneously in rabbits a thousand minimal infective doses of fixed virus without producing infection.

The portal of entry of the rabies virus in nature is not the lymphatics or the blood stream, but the nerves. It is by way of the nerve trunks that the virus travels from the small branches in the superficial tissues to the cord and brain. The rate of travel is slow, which accounts for the

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long incubation period of the disease. It is obvious that when the inoculation is near the brain the incubation period is shorter, because the distance of travel is shorter.

While it is true that experimental infection can be produced by intravenous inoculation, the doses required are enormous, as compared to the natural method of inoculation by animal bite, and the results are uncertain and irregular. There is no evidence that natural infection ever occurs by way of the blood stream. Animals survive experimental nerve inoculations when the nerve trunk central to the site of an inoculation is resected, while the resected nerves themselves are infective. It has also been shown that the portion of the spinal cord in connection with an infected nerve becomes infective before the rest of the central nervous system (Marie et al., 1927). Even the infectious quality of saliva is not due to any involvement of the salivary gland tissue, but the presence in them of neurons, which may occur as single cells or as ganglionic aggregations and which are seated just under the ephithelium, the virus being set free from the neurons by abrasion of the ephithelium (Topley and Wilson). The virus may spread centrifugally from the brain and be found in such nerves as the brachial and sciatic (Nicalou and Galloway, 1928).

Fuming nitric acid destroys both tissues and virus, not only on the surface contacted, but the effect penetrates for a limited although appreciable depth. The contention that one cannot reach absolutely all corners which harbor virus and that for this reason cauterization is useless is without merit. The importance of dosage in relation to the chance of successful infection in all diseases is well known. The principle is of manifold importance in rabies, where the vaccination treatment is capable of generating a resistance against only a limited amount of virus. It is therefore most

essential that the specific treatment be aided by a reduction of the force it has to combat and this aid is very effectively given by a thorough cauterization of the wound. Cauterized wounds heal readily and consideration of scarring have no weight whatever. Indeed, bites on the face, where cauterization is most likely to be withheld because of the fear of scarring, are precisely those that above all others require thorough treatment for reasons previously referred to.

As between prompt and thorough cauterization and the Pasteur treatment, there is a question as to which, used alone, would be the more effective. In my opinion, if all the facts were known, it would be found that cauterization is the more valuable. The various estimates of the percentage of success of the vaccine treatment are subject to considerable modification, because of the many unknown factors that tend to swell the number of cases that should not be entered in this series. There are such things as the amount of virus introduced (only one out of six develops rabies without treatment), bites through clothing, question of rabies in the dog, etc. Everything considered, the omission of cauterization by a physician who knows these facts is nothing short of criminal.

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Directory of Medical Specialists Certified by American Boards, 1939. Paul Titus, M. D., Directing Editor. Cloth. Pp. 1573. New York: Columbia University Press, 1940.

Nonprofit Hospital Service Plans. Historical and Critical Analysis of Group Hospitalization, a Nonprofit, Nonpolitical Application of the Principle of Insurance to the Purchase of Hospital Care. By C. Rufus Rorem, Ph. D., C. P. A., Director, Commission on Hospital Service, American Hospital Association, Chicago. Paper. Pp. 130. Price, 50 cents. Chicago: Commission on Hospital Service, 1940.

Modern Diabetic Care. Including Instructions in the Diet and the Use of the Old and New Insulins. By Herbert Pollack, A. B., Ph. D., M. D., Instructor in Clinical Medicine, Cornell Medical College; Chief of the Diabetic Clinic, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City; Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine; Fellow of the American Medical Association. Cloth. Pp. 216. Price, \$2. New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1940.

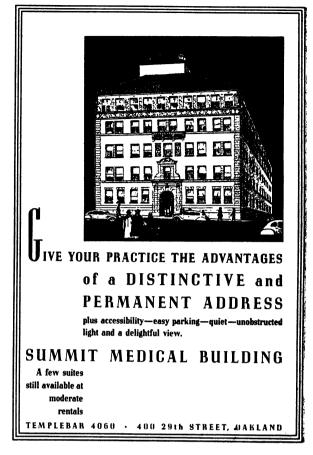
Clinical Toxicology. By Clinton H. Thienes, M. D., Ph. D., Professor of Pharmacology and Head of the Department of Pharmacology, School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; Attending Pathologist (Toxicology), Los Angeles County Hospital. Cloth. Pp. 309, illustrated. Price, \$3.50. Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger, 1940.

Shock: Blood Studies as a Guide to Therapy. By John Scudder, M. D., Med. Sc. D., F. A. C. S., from the Surgical Pathology Laboratory of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and the Department of Surgery, the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. Cloth. Pp. 315, with 55 illustrations, and five plates, three of which are in color. Price, \$5.50. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1940.

The New International Clinics. Original Contributions; Clinics; and Evaluated Reviews of Current Advances in the Medical Arts. Edited by George Morris Piersol, M. D., Professor of Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Volume I, New Series Three, 1940. Cloth. Pp. 319. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1940.

Reports on Medical Progress 1939, as Published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Compiled and edited by Robert N. Nye, M. D. Cloth. Pp. 562. Price, \$5. Boston: Little, Brown & Company, 1940.

The Management of Obstetric Difficulties. By Paul Titus, M. D., Obstetrician and Gynecologist to The St. Margaret Memorial Hospital, Pittsburgh; Consulting Obstetrician and Gynecologist to the Pittsburgh City Homes (Continued on Next Page)



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Trapping the Common Cold. By George Sanford Foster, M. D. Cloth. Pp. 125. Price, \$1.25. New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1940.

Ten Years in the Congo. By W. E. Davis. Cloth. Pp. 301. Price, \$2.50. New York: Reynal & Hitchcock, Inc., 1940.

Menstrual Disorders. Pathology, Diagnosis and Treatment. By C. Frederic Fluhmann, B. A., M. D., C. M., Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Stanford University School of Medicine, San Francisco, California; Assistant Visiting Obstetrician and Gynecologist to Lane and Stanford University Hospitals; Fellow of the American Gynecological Society. Cloth. Pp. 329, illustrated. Price, \$5.00. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders Company, 1939.

Injuries of the Skull, Brain and Spinal Cord. Neuro-Psychiatric, Surgical, and Medico-Legal Aspects. Edited by Samuel Brock, M. D., New York University. Cloth. Pp. 632, illustrated. Price, \$7.00. Baltimore: The Williams & Wilkins Company, 1940.

The 1939 Year Book of Neurology, Psychiatry and Endocrinology. Edited by Hans H. Reese, M. D., Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry, University of Wisconsin Medical School; Nolan D. C. Lewis, M. D., Director, New

York Psychiatric Institute and Hospital; Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University; and Elmer L. Sevringhaus, M. D., Professor of Medicine, University of Wisconsin Medical School. Cloth. Pp. 784, illustrated. Price, \$3.00. Chicago: The Year Book Publishers, Inc., 1940.

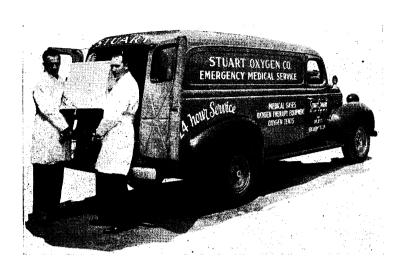
The 1939 Year Book of Dermatology and Syphilology. Edited by Fred Wise, M. D., Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Syphilology, New York Postgraduate Medical School and Hospital of Columbia University; Member of the American Dermatological Association, Inc., and Marion B. Sulzberger, M. D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology and Syphilology, New York Postgraduate Medical School and Hospital of Columbia University; Member of the American Dermatological Association, Inc. Cloth. Pp. 740, illustrated. Price, \$3.00. Chicago: The Year Book Publishers, Inc., 1940.

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Injuries to the Nervous System, Including Poisonings. By Otto Marburg, M. D., Clinical Professor of Neurology, Columbia University; Research Neuropathologist, Monteflore Hospital, New York; Former Director of Neurologisches Institut der Universität Wien, and Max Helfand, M. D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry, Columbia University; Chief of Nerve Clinic, Post-Graduate Hospital, New York; Associate Attending Neurologist and Psychiatrist, Welfare Hospital, New York; Attending Neurologist and Psychiatrist, Department of Correction, New York. Cloth. Pp. 213. Price, §3. New York: Veritas Press, 1939.

The senior author, Doctor Marburg, is one of the leading neurologists of our time and a former director of the famous Neurological Institute of Vienna, long the Mecca of neuropathologists from all over the world. Having published previously several works on injuries of the nervous system, this book is essentially a condensation of his monograph in the Handbuch der Neurologie of Bumke and

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repaid by the rich content based on very careful study of the literature and unusually great personal experience.—Robert Wartenberg.

The Rockefeller Foundation, International Health Division, Annual Report, 1938. Paper. Pp. 233. New York: The Rockefeller Foundation, 1939.

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The report also contains studies in public health problems related especially to hygiene, and brief narrations and expositions of the survey, together with the naming of the countries in which the work was carried on.—W. H. Probert.

Vitamin B₁ (Triamin) and Its Use in Medicine. By Robert R. Williams, Sc.D., of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, and Tom D. Spies, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Cincinnati. Cloth. Pp. 141. Price, \$5. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1938.

With the increasingly important rôle being played by vitamin B₁ in clinical medicine, this thorough and exhaustive study on the subject by two such well-known and recognized authorities as Robert R. Williams, Sc. D., and Tom D. Spies, M.D., offers much of value to all interested in medical science, including the physician, research and laboratory worker, and the dietitian. It is divided into

two parts, the first of which contains in detail information which the clinician may use in daily practice. It mirrors the authors' extensive studies and experiences, and gives the reader a wealth of practical knowledge. The second part takes up the history and experimental work, with a critical analysis of the latter. This section is designed for those who desire a more thorough understanding of the subject, offering a summary of the work to date.

The book is well written and should prove of great value to all interested in this field.—Harry N. Akesson.

Law and Contemporary Problems. A Quarterly Published by the Duke University School of Law. Professor David F. Cavers, Editor. Volume VI, No. 4, Autumn, 1939. Paper. Pp. 185. Durham, North Carolina: Duke University Press, 1939.

California physicians and laymen alike will see much to interest them in the Autumn, 1939, number of Law and Contemporary Problems. In particular, they will find it to (Continued on Page 20)

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BOOK REVIEWS

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their advantage to study "The Organization of California Physicians' Service," by Hartley F. Peart and Howard The professional membership in the organization already exceeds 5,000, and the beneficiary membership, within a few months, passed the 8,000 mark. Hence the form, character and mode of government of the service may soon become a matter of frequent concern in patientphysician relations.

As a basis for their exposition, the authors have chosen structural form rather than historical genesis. The economy of language and the technical competence of writing is so high that hasty readers, who know about the institu-tion only through this article, might incautiously infer that the organizing task had been a simple one. They might conclude, for example, that the 9-point "instruction to counsel" had been completely worked out before extensive consideration was given to procedure and to structural form. Even the most skilled reader, relying on the article alone, might miss the provision for growth and metamorphosis implicit both in the instructions and in the adopted

It would be no compliment to the authors or to their client to attempt bodily to transplant their plan into professional and lay surroundings differing materially from those in California. The plan was designed to fit the institutional patterns and trends peculiar to this state; and it was adopted only after prolonged statewide discussion had led to a consensus in the profession on major features. It is this mode of study, this designing process, and this preparatory discussion that are capable of transplantation. It would be a major service if someone who knows the genetic history of California Physicians' Service would write it out at length .- John B. Canning.

Ear, Nose and Throat Manual for Nurses. By Roy Parkinson, M. D., F. A. C. S., Head Oculist and rist to St. Joseph's Hospital, San Francisco, Calila. Fourth Edition. Cloth. Pp. 243, illustrated. \$2.25. St. Louis: The C. V. Mosby Company, 1939. Parkinson's book gives a very brief outline of the nd physiology in the more common clinical conts field. The illustrations, particularly of the

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instruments, should be a great aid to students in the operating room and clinical work. Considerable space is devoted to the extremely important topic of postoperative care.

The main defect of the book is its lack of organization of the subject material.

Tuberculosis and Social Conditions in England. With special Reference to Young Adults: A Statistical Study.
By P. D'Arcy Hart, M. D., F. R. C. P., member of the
Scientific Staff, Medical Research Council; and G. Payling Wright, D. M., M. R. C. P., Sir William Dunn Professor of Pathology, Guy's Hospital Medical School, University of London. Foreword by the Marchioness of Titchfield, Chairman of Council of the National Association. Preface by Sir Arthur S. MacNalty, K. C. B., M. D., F. R. C. P., Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health. Paper. Pp. 165. Price, 3s. London: National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, 1939.

A striking fact emerges from a consideration of the statistics of tuberculosis mortality rates in England, namely, while the death rate as a whole has been declining since 1900, there has been a retardation in the decline in mortality among young adults. This is particularly marked in young women from 15 to 24 years of age. An attempt is here made to study at length statistically "the development, distribution and causation of the retardation in the decline."

The influence of certain social conditions, such as standards of living, housing conditions, poverty, volume of occupation and nutrition are considered. A definite correlation was found with substandard housing and volume of industrial occupation, which exerted an effect selectively upon phthisis in young adults, who are considered to be more sensitive to the conditions to which they are subjected during their formative years. The authors state that the evidence presented is against the hypothesis that the present high mortality among young adults has been due to decreased tuberculinization in childhood, with resulting reduced immunity in adolescence; but their method of arriving at this inference seems ingenious rather than conclusive

This study should be of interest to lay workers in the tuberculosis field, as well as to physicians. A good summary of each chapter and a general summary at the end will give the gist of the report to those who do not wish to study the rather elaborate statistical details.-J. Lloyd

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SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Informal Meetings of Sunday, May 5.—On Sunday morning, May 5, the 1940 annual session of the California Medical Association will open at Coronado, in informal fashion, with study conferences by groups of physicians interested in problems relating to cancer, radiology and pathology.

In the afternoon, the county society secretaries will meet with the Association Secretary, Dr. Robert A. Peers of Colfax presiding, to discuss special and general work coming under their joint and individual jurisdictions.

The Council of the State Association will convene for its first meeting on the evening of Sunday, and on each of the four following days will hold a meeting to consider pertinent business.

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Hotel and Other Information Was Given in the November Issue.—A general outline of the plans for the scientific programs appeared on page 289, in the November, 1939, issue of California and Tates being given on page 333 of the same number. While the headquarters of this year's annual session will be at the Hotel Del Coronado, many members who wish to attend may prefer to make reservations at other hotels, either in Coronado or San Diego. The ferry service between Coronado and San Diego is frequent, boats making the trip about every ten minutes, except during the early morning hours.

Emphasis on General Meetings to Be Held Each Morning.—This year will witness a tryout of a new arrangement of general meetings and those of the scientific sections, of which latter the Association has twelve. The California Medical Association Committee on Scientific Work and the officers of the scientific sections agreed that there had gradually developed, at the annual sessions, an overemphasis on papers concerned with specialties in medicine, and that the increased meetings of specialty groups, while of interest to a limited number of physicians in attendance, was taking away,

[†] Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.